

Clark County Coroner  
1704 Pinto Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
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## AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 4, 2017

### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF



Date of pronounced death is October 1, 2017. The examination is performed by Lary Simms, DO, MPH, Medical Examiner, at 1715 hours, October 4, 2017.

**CLOTHING:** The body is received unclothed; a paper ID bracelet is present in the left wrist; accompanying the body is an American flag bandana, tan shorts, purple bra, dark top, gray underwear, green top, and brown belt.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:** The body is that of a normally developed [REDACTED] adult measuring 66 inches in length and weighing 131 pounds. Rigor mortis is minimal and symmetrical. Lividity is present posteriorly. The head hair is dark and long. The unshaved scalp is unremarkable. The eyes are closed. The corneas are cloudy. The irides are dark. The nose, lips and mouth are unremarkable. The teeth are natural and in fair repair. No injuries are identified to the external neck. The chest and abdomen show no evidence of natural disease. The extremities are equally and symmetrically developed. The arms and hands show no evidence of acute injury and fingerprint ink is present on the hands bilaterally. The fingernails and toenails are medium in length. The toenails demonstrate decoration. The external genitalia are female and otherwise unremarkable. The back and buttocks show no evidence of natural disease.

### INVENTORY OF TATTOOS:

**COMMENT:** Multiple tattoos are present, some of which are as follows:

1. Paw prints located on the right lower abdomen.
2. Flowers located in the right back.

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### INVENTORY OF RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS:

COMMENT: Digital radiographs are interpreted on an ENTUITIVE monitor; extracorporeal objects are present.

1. Postmortem regional radiographs of the head and neck are unremarkable.
2. Postmortem regional radiograph of the chest demonstrates opacification of the left lung field associated with left-to-right mediastinal shift; the soft tissues of the chest demonstrates broad areas of air, greater on the left side; ballistically insignificant bullet fragments are projected over the left upper chest; the posterolateral left 4<sup>th</sup> rib demonstrates fracture.
3. Postmortem regional radiographs of the abdomen and pelvis demonstrate an intrauterine device [IUD] but are otherwise unremarkable.
4. Postmortem regional radiographs of the extremities demonstrate fracture of the left scapula; soft tissue air is present in the left upper arm.

### INVENTORY OF GUNSHOT INJURY:

1. Located in the left upper chest 10.1 inches from the top of the head and 2.3 inches to the left of midline immediately superior to the left clavicle is a gunshot wound of entrance measuring 0.28 x 0.22 inch in overall dimension; the wound is composed of a central hole measuring 0.12 inch in dimension and an eccentric abrasion collar measuring up to 0.12 inch in thickness.

The bullet courses through the skin and subcutaneous tissues of the left upper chest and through the upper portion of the left pleural cavity and into the left

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shoulder and exits on the back of the left shoulder 8.5 inches from the top of the head and 7.1 inches to the left of midline. The exit wound is irregular in shape measuring 0.35 x 0.30 inch in dimension.

Percutaneous thoracentesis of the left pleural cavity demonstrates gross blood.

The bullet courses from front-to-back, left-to-right and upward. Examination of wound of entrance shows no evidence of close-range firing.

### FLUIDS AND TISSUES SUBMITTED:

1. Chest blood.
2. Vitreous humor.


### TESTING ORDERED:

1. Toxicologic analysis [NMS: Basic] on autopsy blood.

### OPINION

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** The cause of death of this [REDACTED]-year-old [REDACTED] female, [REDACTED], is GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE LEFT UPPER CHEST.

**MANNER OF DEATH:** HOMICIDE.

  
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